The completion of the ongoing irrigation project depends on the allocation of funds and the priority assigned to the project by the State Governments. For completion, of the major and medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and beyond the resources capability of the State Governments the Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1996-1997. Since inception of this programme, an amount of Rs. 14,670 crore has been released as Central Loan Assiatance under this programme for 181 major/medium and 3810 Surface Minor Irrigation Schemes. The Government now envisages to complete all the ongoing irrigation projects within 3-4 years.

Implementation of Water Projects

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to implement the projects relating to increasing water supply, renovation of reservoirs, rain water harvesting and controlling the flood water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any action plan on the above matters and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Water is a State subject and implementation of projects is planned, funded and executed by the States from their own funds as per their priority.

During the 10th Plan a Centrally Sponsored Scheme proposed to be taken up with an outlay of Rs. 175 crore to construct 5088 artificial recharge structures under different hydro geological setups within an objective to recharge 255 mcm of water. The various types of ground water recharge and rainwater harvesting structures envisaged under the schemes include, Percolation Tanks, Check Dam, Nala Bunds/Weir/ Anicuts, Recharge Shaft/Trench/Pit with/without injection wells, Subsurface Dyke/Dams, Revival/Desilting of Ponds, Revival of Springs, Roof top Rain Water Harvesting Structures with/without Recharge well, Tidal Regulators and Injection wells and Filter Beds.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

As regards controlling flood waters, the Ministry of Water Resources has formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 166.68 crore with 90% as Central share and 10% as State share for taking up critical anti-erosion/flood control schemes to assist the Government of Assam and other NE States including Sikkim and North Bengal. Joint Project Office has been opened in Nepal in August, 2004 for taking up field investigations and preparation of Detailed Project Report of Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun Kosi storage Cum Diversion Scheme under Indo-Nepal Cooperation. Works related to the proposed Lower Subansiri Dam Project and Tipaimukh Multi purpose Project in Subansiri and Barak River in the North Eastern Region have been initiated which will flood control benefits in addition to hydro power.

As per the declaration made by the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech 2004-2005 to launch pilot projects to repair, renovate and restore Water Bodies in the country that are directly linked to agriculture at an estimated cost of Rs. 100 crore, a scheme is proposed to be formulated for which State Governments, have been consulted and guidelines have been prepared for preparation of individual project proposals on discussion with some States and concerned Central Ministries. The States have been requested to submit project proposals for one or two districts in the state.

For completion of major and medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and beyond the resources capability of the State Governments, the Central Government launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1996-97. Since inception of this programme, an amount of Rs. 14,670 crore has been released as Central Loan Assistance under this programme for 181 major/medium and 3810 Surface Minor Irrigation Schemes. The Government now envisages to complete all the ongoing irrigation projects within 3-4 years.

The on going schemes for extending Central Loan Assistance to States, assistance to States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and other technical and facilitating measures also continue.